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## Deb LeAir at Infinity Gallery

Clay Squared to Infinity, 34 Thirteenth Ave. NE, Minneapolis, MN

Opening reception: Saturday, March 19th, noon - 4pm

Artist Demonstration: Saturday, March 19th, 1pm

Gallery Show runs: March 18th through April 24th, 2005

Clay Squared to Infinity hours: Monday through Saturday, 11am - 5pm,

Sunday noon-4pm

Admission is FREE.

Infinity Gallery at Clay Squared to Infinity announces a special feature show solely dedicated to the work of St. Paul artist, Deb LeAir. LeAir is one of the professional handmade tile artists whose work has been on show in the tile showroom at Clay Squared to Infinity for several years. This special exhibition will showcase not only her hand-carved tiles, but also her heavily-designed three-dimensional vessels as well as large-sized two-dimensional wall pieces.

A distinct style runs through all forms of LeAir's ceramic work. Made from earthenware and stoneware, all of LeAir's art begins as either a rolled slab or a wheel-thrown vessel. The clay is left to cure until leather-hard, then trimmed, drawn and meticulously hand-carved before being glazed and fired twice. Her deeply textured surfaces and botanical motifs are unlike any other.



A decade working as a gardener along with her years living in a woody area of West Central Wisconsin gave the artist an affinity for plant forms. Leaves, branches, vine and frond curls, and the impression of those forms moving in the wind are repeated in nearly every piece of LeAir's artwork.

Though pattern and repetition are important to LeAir's art, much of her imagery is so alive in its illustrative quality that it almost suggests the beginning of a story. Color, too plays a roll. LeAir's blend of chalky, yet brightly colored slips on raised surfaces with glossy black glazes in carved relief areas are a rare, contradictory - yet complimentary - combination.



Don't miss this opportunity to see so much of LeAir's work in one single gallery setting. Deb LeAir's art will be on show from March 18th through April 24th, 2005 at Infinity Gallery at Clay Squared to Infinity. The opening reception will be held on Saturday, March 19th from noon to 4pm. In addition to the reception, at 1pm, LeAir will hold a special demonstration of her hand carving techniques in the studio at Clay Squared.

For more information on Infinity Gallery exhibitions, contact Clay Squared to Infinity at 612-781-6409 or [josh@claysquared.com](mailto:josh@claysquared.com).  
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